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Stuttgart takes a bite out of crime

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Hugh C. McBride

Sgt. Jason DeFelice and Rexo, a 7-year-old German Shepherd, demonstrate the capabilities of military working dogs during Stuttgart's National Night Out celebration Sept. 23 on Patch Barracks. DeFelice, Rexo and Rexo's handler, Spc. Arthur Thibeau, are all part of the 554th Military Police Company, which is headquartered on Stuttgart's Panzer Kaserne.

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Why make the effort?

Reserve 'Citizen-Warrior' has many reasons

By Col. Michael Higginson
Commentary

It's 4:45 a.m. Saturday morning of a unit training assembly weekend and you're the only one awake in your house. You hit the start button on the coffee maker, shower and put on your uniform. You give your spouse or significant other a peck on their still-asleep face, fill up your to-go cup with coffee and hit the road.

Your friends are all still in bed. The only reason they'd be up this early is to go fishing or hunting.

But you're going to drive an hour and a half, sign in, run a mile and a half, get a typhoid shot, take a career development course test, go to a commander's call, attend a training session or two, work at your duty station for several hours, sign out and drive back home.

Sunday is going to be pretty much the same, and then you roll right into Monday and you're headed back to the civilian job. And on top of all that, if you haven't recently deployed for an extended period of time, chances are good that you will soon.

So, why are you doing this to yourself? Money? Fame and glory? Probably not.

The answer to the "why" in a reservist's life is probably a little complex. We do what we do for a combination of reasons that usually adds up to an answer larger than the sum of its parts.

We usually enjoy the field we serve in – security forces folks usually like law enforcement, pilots like flying, etc.

We usually like the people we work with in our Reserve assignments. They are a separate set of friends from our civilian friends and, hey, the more friends the better.

We are generally proud of the work we do and it makes us feel good. We can see the results of our labor and it gives us a feeling of worth.

Our civilian friends often admire us for our dedication and

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we all like admiration.

And, yeah, they do pay us something (albeit, some more than others and often not enough) – and don't forget the typhoid shots are free.

But I think the real answer to the "why" is often very private and much more noteworthy. I can sum it up for myself with this quick anecdote about my dad.

Dad was a Kentucky boy and former coal miner who joined the Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked in aircraft maintenance his entire 30-year career and retired as a chief warrant officer. Dad was one of only 17 CWO4s remaining in the Air Force at that time.

After he retired he began to suffer terribly from Alzheimer's or dementia. When I took him golfing for the last time, he had reached the point in his disease where he didn't even recognize me, his oldest child. Dad was 80 years old at the time, three years before his death.

At the pro shop on this last father-son golf outing, I paid both of our green fees and started for the first tee. As I walked away from the counter, my dad opened his old wallet and took out the \$20 bill my mom always made sure he had with him. He gave it to the clerk who had just taken my money.

The clerk told my dad, "Your friend has already paid for

your golf."

My dad looked at the clerk as he handed him his \$20 and said, "I want you to take this and buy a new American flag. The one you're flying out front is faded and ragged and when you fly that flag, you should fly it right."

Well, I retrieved Dad's \$20 from the dumbfounded clerk on the way out, but we were only able to stumble and fumble our way through three holes of golf before we called it quits.

But that morning my beautiful old man, who didn't even recognize his own son or the game he had loved for 50 years, did somehow remember the wonderful pride he felt for the flag that represented his country.

This story makes it a little easier for me to hit the button on that coffee maker on a unit training assembly morning.

I also think it helps explain why many of us continue to do this work.

My dad would be proud of all of our citizen warriors, and he would thank you – as I am.

Higginson is commander of the 940th Mission Support Group, which is based on Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

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Presidential proclamation honors Guard, Reserve service members

By George W. Bush
U.S. President

In times of war or crisis, the citizen-soldiers of our National Guard and Reserve are ready and willing to answer the call of duty.

During National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week [Sept. 23 to 30], we express our deep gratitude to these brave men and women and to the employers who support them and enable them to serve.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve put on the uniform of the United States when our country needs them most.

In the war on terror, thousands of these civilians from all walks of life have been called away from their jobs and families and mobilized for duty around the world.

They are performing many different missions, but all are working to deliver the blessings of freedom to people who have not known liberty.

Here at home, the National Guard is working to protect our borders, and National Guard personnel and Reservists help rebuild communities and bring comfort, security, and healing to individuals in the aftermath of hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The dedicated service of our National Guard and Reserve personnel is vital to the security of our Nation, and these patriots are an inspiration and source of pride to all Americans.

We also appreciate the commitment of the civilian employers of these courageous men and women. By providing time off, pay, health care benefits, and job security, these employers help members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families serve our country and prepare for their re-

More information about the Guard & Reserve

- The United States observed National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week 2006 Sept. 22 to 30.
- The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week provides a wealth of information online at www.esgr.org.
- In Stuttgart, the U.S. European Command Directorate of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs is led by Brig. Gen. Frank J. Grass of the Army National Guard. For more about ECRA call 430-4002/civ. 0711-680-4002 or visit <http://www.eucom.mil/english/CommandStaff/ECRA/main.asp>.

turn to civilian life. In offices, schools, factories, and small businesses across America, employers operate without some of their most talented people, and America appreciates their support and the support they provide to their employees in our National Guard and Reserve.

National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week is an important opportunity to express our country's debt of gratitude to the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve and to all the employers who stand behind these dedicated individuals.

This and other presidential proclamations and speeches can be accessed online at www.whitehouse.gov.

USAREUR deputy visits Stuttgart

Lt. Gen. & Mrs. Speer tour area installations, meet with garrison leaders, personnel

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and his wife, Gaby, hosted U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Gary D. Speer and his wife, Cathy, for a two-day visit to the Stuttgart military community.

Lt. Gen. Speer began his time in Stuttgart with an office call with U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward. The next day, he was on Kelley Barracks for a command briefing with members of the USAG Stuttgart staff.

"Lt. Gen. Speer brings a wealth of experience and expertise with him, and this was a great chance for him to see what we're doing and to provide his direction and guidance," Col. Juergens said. "Having Lt. Gen. Speer in Stuttgart was a win-win situation for USAG-Stuttgart, EUCOM and USAREUR."

While Lt. Gen. Speer's time in Stuttgart was primarily spent on office calls and staff briefings, Mrs. Speer accompanied Mrs. Juergens on tours of the area's community facilities and family support services.

Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Juergens were briefed on a number of local family support initiatives during a visit to Stuttgart's Army Community Service, following which they toured the community Welcome Center on Panzer Kaserne as well as the construction site for the new AAFES retail facility there.

The following day, after the USAG Stuttgart staff briefing, they reviewed the progress being made on the Kelley Theater renovation project, and took a look at the award-winning Kelley Hotel.

"Mrs. Speer has always been a tremendous advocate for community programs – especially those that support military families," Col. Juergens said. "She has been active in Army Family Team Building and other such efforts. This was a tremendous opportunity to show her some of the great things we are doing in Stuttgart, and to benefit from her advice and guidance."



Cathy Speer, wife of USAREUR Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Gary D. Speer, discusses the renovation of the Kelley Theater with Kamel Mourad of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works.

LT. GEN. GARY D. SPEER

Lieutenant Gen. Gary D. Speer assumed the duties as Deputy Commander of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in April 2006.

A native of Gadsden, Ala., he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in the Regular Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1972.

Lt. Gen. Speer's initial assignment was to the airborne brigade of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Executive Officer in the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Deputy Commander of Third U.S. Army/ U.S. Army Forces Central Command and the Coalition Forces Land Component Command during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Gen. Speer holds a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy and a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University.



News & Notes

AFAP needs issues

Stuttgart's Army Family Action Plan program is accepting issues to be presented during the 2007 AFAP conference in January. Community members are encouraged to submit quality-of-life issues via forms that are available in the Army Community Service office or online at www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/acs/afap.asp.

Deadline for issue submission is Dec. 15. For more information call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Army Family Team Building

Stuttgart's Army Community Service will offer AFTB Level I training Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon, in the ACS classroom (Patch Barracks, Washington Center, second floor).

The Level I course provides information about military terms and acronyms, customs and courtesies, benefits and many other areas of interest to family members.

AFTB training is open to all community members. For details or to register call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Pumpkin Race needs volunteers

The USAG-Stuttgart Sports and Fitness Center is looking for volunteers to help out at the Great Pumpkin Race Oct. 28. For details call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Spouses to Teachers now in Europe

Spouses to Teachers, a Department of Defense program, offers resources and counseling services to overseas military spouses. The program provides counseling on state-specific certification requirements, certification options and state employment resources.

Up to \$600 is available to reimburse testing fees.

For more information call 312-922-6282/civ. (U.S.) 800-231-6282, visit www.SpousestoTeachers.com or email at stt@voled.doded.mil.

Conduct meetings, trainings at DTF

Looking for a place to conduct meetings or trainings? The Joint Multinational Training Command, Digital Training Facility has several classrooms set up with 16 multimedia computer stations, each with Internet access and video teletraining capability to serve your needs.

To reserve a classroom call 431-2329/civ. 07031-15-2329. The facility is located in building 2931 on Panzer Kaserne.

Disability Awareness Event

USAG-Stuttgart's National Disability Awareness Month luncheon is Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Swabian Special Events Center. The guest speaker is Eva-Maria Weppeler-Rommelfanger, Deputy President of the Association of Parents and Friends of Handicapped Children, District of Ludwigsburg.

Cost to attend is \$8.95. For more information call 421-2649/2288/civ. 0711-729-2649/2288.

Holzinger, Gaucher honored by AUSA

Stuttgart residents lauded for civilian service, volunteerism



courtesy

By Hugh C. McBride

Two members of the Stuttgart military community were among a group of Europe-based employees and volunteers who were honored during the Association of the United States Army's annual recognition dinner Sept. 27 in Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village.

Greg Holzinger, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, was recognized as Stuttgart's Department of The Army Civilian of the Year.

A garrison employee since 2002, Holzinger previously served as acting deputy to the USAG Stuttgart commander, and garrison manager

JUST THE FACTS: AUSA

Since 1950, the Association of the United States Army has worked to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interests of America's Army and the men and women who serve.

AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, retirees and family members.

For more about AUSA visit www.ausa.org.

for U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch.

Kathy Gaucher was honored as the Stuttgart military community's Volunteer of the Year.

Gaucher volunteers three days a week at Army Community Service, where she has been responsible for relocation assistance, the lending closet, front desk duties and a

wealth of other areas.

"Mr. Holzinger and Ms. Gaucher are both well-deserving of this honor," said Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart. "Their talent, effort and dedication make them excellent representatives of the Stuttgart military community."

CSM Farley becomes EUCOM's senior enlisted leader *Replaces CSM Bartelle during ceremony on Washington Square*

By Tech Sgt. Devin L. Fisher
U.S. European Command Public Affairs

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Farley became the sixth U.S. European Command Senior Enlisted Leader during a change of responsibility ceremony Sept. 25 on Patch Barracks' Washington Square.

During the ceremony, Farley replaced Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bartelle, who became the senior non-commissioned officer for allied command operations, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium, on July 17 of this year.

The transfer of responsibility ceremony marked the changing of the guard from "one superb NCO to the next where you will see no break in the action" said Army Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward, EUCOM deputy commander.

"You will witness a continuation in the improvement of the foxhole because these two NCOs will continue to work side-by-side ensuring the well being of this command is cared for, as well as the continued professionalization of our partners and allies in their endeavor to be better armed forces."

Ward noted there is a distinguishing feature setting the U.S. military apart from other militaries and it has "all to do with how [U.S.] armed forces develop and then place and position responsibilities on noncommissioned officers."

"Standing here before you is the embodiment of all of that," Ward said.

The general attributed depth as the significant factor as causing U.S. armed forces to be the envy of all.

"The depth is reflected in the fact that our system produces noncommissioned officers of such quality that as we move on we continue to be blessed with successive senior enlisted leaders--equally talented, equally prepared and equally ready to continue in the work of providing the best advise, guidance and leadership to the command," Ward said.

The general described Farley as a Soldier, leader and pro-

fessional.

"He represents the very best of what it is the Armed Forces of the United States of America represents - displaying it in a global way, doing it with passion and doing it in a way that causes others to know that because he was there things are better," Ward said.

Farley, who most recently served as the command sergeant major for U.S. Army Pacific, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, said he is proud to join the EUCOM team and looks forward to serving the joint U.S. military community as well as allies and partners within the command's area of responsibility.

"We are a military at war - supporting a nation at war," Farley said, "I will do my part to support that mission along with the other missions of this command. I ask for your patience and continued dedication," he continued. "We are a people business, and our people [are] what it's all about. Be proud about who you are and what you represent."

As the EUCOM's senior enlisted leader, Farley serves as the commander's primary adviser on all enlisted matters. In addition, he is responsible for providing oversight for the morale, welfare, training, quality of life and the good order and discipline of more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel and their families serving in 92 countries within Europe, Africa and Eurasia.

Ward said Bartelle is a mentor and an inspirational leader, but most of all he's an "impact player" whom others rally around.

"Words can not express my deep appreciation for your selfless service,"

Bartelle said to the EUCOM enlisted force in his closing remarks. "My only hope is that I represented you well. Thank you for all you do. I look forward to those defining moments in the future and serving together with you to the best of our abilities."

This article originally appeared online on the U.S. European Command Web site, www.eucom.mil.



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IMA-EURO's 1st sergeant major completes career CSM King retires after passing sword to CSM Gaines

Installation Management Agency Europe Region
Public Affairs Office Release

The Installation Management Agency- Europe held its first change of responsibility when Regional Director Russell B. Hall transferred the ceremonial sword of responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa V. King to Command Sgt. Maj. John M. Gaines on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg Oct. 3.

King became the first command sergeant major for IMA-Europe in 2003 and took on the challenge of helping establish the new agency; it would turn out to be her last assignment as she was officially retired after relinquishing her position as IMA-EURO's senior noncommissioned officer.

"Command Sgt. Maj. King looked out for Soldiers and families by being out there on the street with them," Hall said. "She is a pioneer and faced many challenges head-on and showed that leadership remains the core component of the NCO fiber. As the first IMA-EURO command sergeant major, she left her mark for all to exceed."

King had nothing but praise for those who helped her throughout her career and wanted only to show her thanks.

"There are a lot of people I would like to thank, because my 30-year career in the Army has been everything I could have ever asked for, and I would not change anything," King said, fighting back tears as she addressed the many people who had gathered for the ceremony.

"This is by far the best job in the Army, and I feel good about leaving the command, its Soldiers and civilian employees in the capable hands of my battle buddy, [Command Sgt. Maj.] John Gaines."

Command Sgt. Maj. King looked out for Soldiers and families. As the first IMA-EURO command sergeant major, she left her mark for all to exceed.

Russell B. Hall

Installation Management Agency Europe

Gaines is no stranger to the challenges and responsibilities that such a position bestows upon an NCO as he has been the USAG-Benelux command sergeant major.

"I'm very honored to have been chosen for this position. It shows the trust and confidence that Mr. Hall has in me, I believe we will make a great team," Gaines said.

King was awarded the Legion of Merit for her 30 years of dedicated service and then presented a letter from the president and a folded United States flag.

"My number one priority as a command sergeant major has been to make a personal impact on Soldiers, and I did so by interacting with them on a daily basis," King said.

"I will miss all the Soldiers I have come in contact with, especially here at IMA-EURO, but more so, I will miss the civilians and local national workforce, who are the real bread and butter of this command."

For more about IMA-EURO visit www.ima-e.army.mil.



Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, Installation Management Agency Europe's outgoing senior enlisted advisor, passes a sword of responsibility to IMA-EURO Director Russell B. Hall during the agency's change of responsibility ceremony Oct. 3 on Heidelberg's Campbell Barracks. Awaiting receipt of the sword is Command Sgt. Maj. John M. Gaines.

Combined Federal Campaign Overseas

CFC fundraising underway in Europe



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CFC-Overseas:

1. Visit www.cfcoverseas.org
2. Click "Charity Search"

By Hugh C. McBride

The world's largest annual workplace giving campaign is once again underway on U.S. military installations throughout Europe.

The 2006 edition of the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas fundraising drive runs from Oct. 2 to Dec. 1. The theme of this year's effort is "Making a World of Difference."

In Stuttgart, a kickoff ceremony on the campaign's first day focused on the U.S. military's tradition of taking care of its own, as well as the positive impact the CFC-O has had on military and civilian families throughout the world.

"The Combined Federal Campaign is an opportunity for us to do what we all do so well: support our teammates," said U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward, the kickoff event's featured speaker.

"The business of providing help to our teammates is not a new concept," Ward said, referring to Stuttgart's tradition of superior support to the CFC-O effort. "The amount that this community provides continues to amaze and impress me."

In addition to offering his views on the importance of the CFC-O effort, Ward also joined U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens in making the community's first pledges to the 2006 fundraising effort.

"I challenge every unit and every individual in Stuttgart to help us make this the best CFC-O campaign ever," Juergens said, noting that last year's total of \$117,138 was the community's all-time best to date. "We had a great year last year, but I know that this community is capable of doing even more to help support the many worthy charities that are affiliated with the CFC-O."

In addition to assisting charitable efforts around the world, individuals who contribute through the CFC-O have the opportunity to direct their funds back to Stuttgart.

For example, Juergens noted, USAG-Stuttgart received more than \$13,000 from the 2005 CFC-O effort.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to make a difference throughout the world – or right here at home," he said.



Toni Fry-Walker of the USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Logistics, Melissa Arnold of Patch High School, U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward, and USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens cut not one but two ceremonial cakes during the community's Sept. 30 CFC-O kickoff ceremony on Patch Barracks.

JUST THE FACTS CFC-O

The mission of the Combined Federal Campaign is to support and to promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

The Combined Federal Campaign has its roots in the many charitable campaigns of the 1960s. Seeing a need to bring the diversity of fundraising efforts under one umbrella, federal employees created the CFC – one campaign, once a year.

By allowing employees to select organizations from a single brochure and to make their contributions through payroll deductions, the CFC opened the door to more opportunities for giving.

The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

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- CFC-Overseas Web site – www.cfcoverseas.org

ADD/ADHD Support Group sponsors seminar on Patch

By José Mundo
Army Community Service

As U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Exceptional Family Member Program Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to create awareness in our Stuttgart military community on a certain topic – Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

Dr. John Grabert, clinical psychologist and program manager of Educational & Developmental Intervention Services located at Panzer Barracks, will be speaking on this topic at the Army Community Service on Oct. 18, 1 to 2 p.m.

If you have a child who has been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD and would like to know more on the disorder, the EFMP staff would like to invite you to attend this support group session.

About ADD/ADHD

ADD or ADHD is a common disorder in our society. The Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) defines the disorder by stating that it is the consistent display of distractibility (poor sustained attention to tasks), impulsivity (impaired impulse control and delay of gratification) and hyperactivity (excessive activity and physical restlessness).

Furthermore, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reports that this disorder affects 3 to 5 percent of the children in the United States

(approximately 2 million children) and that between 30 to 70 percent of children diagnosed with ADD/ADHD exhibit symptoms in adult years.

Options available

For parents with children diagnosed with this disorder, and professionals who work with children, it is important that they understand how this disorder impacts children's behavior at school, home, on the playground and in other settings.

Many children in our schools would do better academically and behaviorally if there was a better understanding of the disorder.

There are different approaches and techniques widely used to assist children diagnosed with ADD/ADHD, and it is just a matter of preference and what you feel would work best for your child.

For more information about this seminar or other ADD/ADHD-related issues call Mundo at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176 or e-mail jose.mundo@us.army.mil.

ADD/ADHD Support Group

Oct. 18, 1 to 2 p.m.
Army Community Service
Washington Square, Patch Barracks

*Learn from ADD/ADHD experts.
Help support others in our community.*

Red Ribbon Week: Oct. 23 to 31 Campaign addresses dangers of drug, alcohol abuse

Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program

With the goal of educating community members of the dangers of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will conduct its annual Red Ribbon Substance Abuse Awareness Campaign Oct. 23 to 31. This year's theme is "United Against Drugs". Since its beginning 20 years ago, the campaign has touched the lives of millions of people.

Surprisingly, it all began with a young boy telling his mother, "I can make a difference." That boy was Kiki Camarena who grew up in a dirt-floored house, dreaming of how he could best affect the world. He had no idea just how many people he would inspire and still continues to inspire today. Kiki grew up and worked his way through college, serving in the Marines.

After leaving the military, Kiki became a police officer and then a DEA Special Agent. Though others tried to dissuade him because of the danger, Kiki knew he would make a difference.

In 1985, he was working undercover in Mexico, investigating a major drug cartel. He was days away from having enough evidence to arrest key members of the cartel when he was abducted from his car. Kiki had been on his way to meet his wife for lunch.

One month later, his badly beaten, tortured body, was found in a shallow grave. The nation mourned the loss of a great hero.

Angered by Kiki's death and the destruction caused by drugs and alcohol in America, the young people of Kiki's hometown in California began wearing red ribbons in honor of the fallen hero.

Today, the simple piece of red ribbon may be a symbol for alcohol and drug prevention, but it is also the symbol of the belief that one person can accomplish anything he or she sets their mind to—just like Kiki did.

For more information about Red Ribbon Weekcall 431-2530/civ. 07031-15-2530 or visit one of the Adolescents Substance Abuse Counseling Service counselors at Patch High School.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

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Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

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Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Pharmacy

M, T, W, F: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Immunizations

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Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

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Child-care fee adjustments to take effect Nov. 1

CYS fee increases to range from 2 to 16 percent – but no fee changes for lowest-income families

Installation Management Agency Europe Region Release

The Installation Management Agency-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division has announced Child and Youth Services program fee adjustments will take effect Nov. 1 for all communities in Europe.

CYS fees are reviewed annually in every program and category and adjusted to comply with the current Department of Defense Child Development Program fee ranges based on family income levels. This is only the second CYS fee increase in four years in IMA-EURO.

The fee adjustments are being made to ensure that child-care costs are equitable for all families based on total family income. This means that each family pays approximately the same percentage of its total family income, about 10 percent for full-day care. Only Category I families pay significantly less—about 8 percent of total family income for those families earning \$28,000 or less per year.

The scale is based on total family income (including wages and allowances, but without cost-of-living allowance/post allowance), not on rank or grade. With the sliding scale-based fees and the cost of care subsidized by Congress, no family ever pays the full cost of child care or youth programs, regardless of which income category it falls under.

No increase for Category 1

There will be no fee increase for Category 1 for either full-day child care or before- and after-school care. These families will continue to pay \$196 per month for full-day child care and \$120 per month for before- and after-school care.

Category I full-day child-care fees are predetermined by the Department of Army, so lower-income families pay the

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same fee no matter where they are stationed.

Fee increases will range from 2 to 16 percent for full-day monthly child-care, and will be 6 to 10 percent for before- and after-school care for all other Family Income Categories II-VI (\$28,001 to \$70,000+ in total family income.)

Changes for CYS sports

CYS sports and fitness team fees are based on the costs to run each sport, and all patrons pay the same fees. Fees for soccer, flag football, cheerleading, baseball, softball, basketball and field hockey will go up \$6. Fees for sports such as competitive swimming and ice hockey are determined locally.

Numerous discounts continue to be available in CYS programs. The multiple-child discount of 10 percent for child care, school-age services and CYS team sports will remain in effect, and discounts for head coaches and parent/teen CYS volunteers will continue to be available in communities where approved by the local commander.

The annual CYS registration fee of \$18 per child, or \$40 maximum per family, is standard Army-wide, valid for a 12-month period regardless of assignment or re-stationing.

CYS fees generally cover less than half the actual cost of Army child care provided to each child. Fees paid by families cover the costs for salaries and training of 75 percent of the

staff who work directly with children and youth; appropriated funds provided by Congress pay for all other costs, such as facilities, administration, equipment and supplies.

Still a great deal

Army families in Europe pay considerably less for child care, particularly infant care, than the average family in the United States.

An April 2006 report in "USA Today" stated that – according to a National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies study – while costs varied considerably by state, annual costs for full-time infant care can run as high as \$13,480. This is triple the average for CYS infant care fees in IMA-EURO.

The average U.S. family spends almost 11 percent of their household income on infant care, greater than the IMA-EURO average of 10 percent.

For details on CYS fee adjustments in Stuttgart contact Suzanne King (430-5327/civ. 0711-680-5327; suzanne.v.king@us.army.mil). In Garmisch contact Ellen Harris (440-2393/civ. 08821-750-2393; ellen.harris@us.army.mil).

For additional information about IMA-EURO MWR in Europe is visit www.mwr-europe.com.



To the stars & beyond!

One hundred sixty-five elementary students and their family members spent all night on Patch Barracks's Bowman Field Sept. 29 and 30 during Patch Elementary School's second annual "Space Camp," an overnight adventure that gave the students the opportunity to study the stars and more through a variety of hands-on science-based activities.

[Top] In an activity that gives "soda fountain" a whole new meaning, students marvel at the explosive result of mixing two liters of cola with a pack of Mentos mints.

[Near right] A young camper is the picture of concentration as she attempts to master the art of defying gravity through the application of centrifugal force.

[Far right] Second-grader Ben Newcomb gets up close and personal with a rock sample at one of the Space Camp's many hands-on science stations.



Stuttgart takes ‘Night Out’ to focus on safety, security



Story & photos by Hugh C McBride

Members of the Stuttgart military community gathered in Patch Barracks's Washington Square Sept. 23 for the area's annual "National Night Out" celebration of safety and security.

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services, the Night Out provided five hours' worth of family-friendly activities and entertainment focused on personal and communitywide security.

"It is very important that we continue to keep a strong community-police partnership," said event coordinator Earnest Epps, who heads Stuttgart's Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program and Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education effort. "We all should do our part to protect our families and loved ones, our neighbors and friends."

In addition to DARE and SNAP participation, the Night Out also featured representatives from area military police units, the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department, Pond Security personnel and German Polizei.

In the opinion of the community's Director of Emergency Services, the level of host-nation participation was particularly impressive.

"I think it's great that so many service members and civilians have volunteered their time for this event," said Maj. Anthony Black, "but to see so many German Polizei out here is truly amazing. That they would give up part of their Saturday to be here says a lot about their dedication and their support [of the Stuttgart military community]."

Though the purpose of the event was a serious one, the manner in which it was approached was decidedly upbeat. On one side of Washington Square, music booming from a USO truck mingled with aromatic emanations drifting from a well-stocked barbecue grill a few meters away.

Across the grassy expanse, a local Boy Scout group ran a balloon-breaking booth, while sack races competed with face-painting, a bouncy castle and a variety of other inflatable enticements for the attention of children who dashed from one attraction to another.

Under a large tent in the middle of the square, parents and children had the opportunity complete Identikit (containing fingerprint and DNA information that could be of use to law enforcement personnel if the children were ever lost); others improved their awareness of the issues surrounding drug abuse and met with representatives from Pond Security, SNAP and DARE.

Across the parking lot, Polizei personnel guided young bicyclists through a safety and maneuverability course, then photographed them for their own "drivers license." Nearby, firefighters stood at the ready to give up-close looks at the tools of their trade.

Periodically throughout the afternoon, the crowds shifted their attention toward the field behind the Community Bank, where Soldiers and military working dogs from the Stuttgart-based 554th Military Police Company — and a German Polizei canine unit — put their skills on display.

"The event was great most importantly because of the support of our volunteers — both the Germans and the Americans," Epps said. "They are what makes Stuttgart such a great community."

[Left] Child Identikit, bicycle safety and demonstrations by both U.S. and German canine units were just a few of the family-friendly attractions that drew community members to Washington Square for Stuttgart's Sept. 23 celebration of National Night Out. Other features of the daylong celebration included bicycle safety checks provided by the German Polizei, a hands-on look at firefighting equipment (courtesy of the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department) and information booths staffed by representatives of the area's SNAP and DARE programs, Pond Security personnel, and the Stuttgart USO.



USAG Stuttgart Provost Marshal Art Richard takes command of the grill during the community's National Night Out celebration in Washington Square on Patch Barracks.

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WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT: KEEP FIRE SAFETY AT FOREFRONT OF HOLIDAY PLANS

National Fire Prevention Association

Fire Safety Week 2006 is Oct. 8 to 13 — and this year's theme "Watch What You Heat" focuses on fire safety in the kitchen. Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Most cooking equipment fires start with the ignition of common household items (for example, food or grease, cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags or curtains).

Facts & figures

- Between 1999 and 2002, there were 114,000 reported home fires associated with cooking equipment every year, resulting in an annual 290 deaths and 4,380 injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Three in 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen — more than any other place in the home.
- Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove.
- Electric ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries and property damage, compared to gas ranges or stoves, but gas ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.

General kitchen safety tips

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet (1 meter) around the stove. Keep pets from underfoot so you do not trip while cooking. Also, keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto burner.
- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scalding danger

- Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool.
- Never pour water on a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.
- If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing.
- If there is a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug the microwave. Call the fire department and make sure to have the oven serviced before you use it again.
- Food cooked in a microwave can be dangerously hot. Remove the lids or other coverings from microwaved food carefully to prevent steam burns.

Microwave safety tips

- Read the manufacturer's instructions before using a microwave oven.
- Plug the oven directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord because it may overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Heat food in containers only intended for microwave use.
- Allow food to cool for a minute or more before removing from the oven using oven gloves.
- Open food slowly. Hot steam escaping from the container can cause painful burns. Let food cool before eating.
- Containers may feel warm. But the contents may be very hot.
- Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven. They can cause an arcing, fire or burn hazard and damage the oven.
- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out.

Cooking oil safety tips

- Cooking with oil requires close attention.
- When frying, stay by your pan. Simply turning away from the cooktop may be enough time for a fire to start and get out of control.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves. Loose-fitting clothing is more likely to catch fire from a stove burner.
- If the oil starts to boil (bubbling), remove it from the heat source. Just lowering the temperature of the burner will not reduce the heat quickly enough, especially on an electric stovetop.
- Be careful not to over-fill your pan or pot with oil. If you have too much oil in the pan, oil is likely to overflow onto the burner, where it can catch fire.
- If the oil catches fire, wearing an oven mitt, slide a lid over the pan to smother the fire. Turn off the burner and slide the pan off the heat source. Keep the pan covered until the oil cools to prevent it from starting again.
- If the oil has overflowed from the pan and ignites, get everyone out of the home and call the fire department from outside.
- Never use water to extinguish a cooking oil fire.

For more fire safety information visit www.nfpa.org or call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office at 421-2752/civ. 0711-729-2752.

Cannstatter Volksfest 2006

Stuttgart service members, civilians enjoy annual extravaganza in Bad Cannstatt

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

Members of the Stuttgart military community enjoyed one of the highlights of the region's social calendar, as service members and civilians made their way to Bad Cannstatt for the 161st rendition of the world-renowned Cannstatter Volksfest.

U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward and his wife, Joyce, and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and his wife, Gaby, represented the community at the fest's action-packed opening ceremony, which featured the traditional tapping of the fest's first keg by Stuttgart Lord Mayor Wolfgang Schuster.

Two days later, USAG-Stuttgart bused more than 100 Stuttgart-based Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines to the traditional *Soldaten Wasen*, an international celebration of military camaraderie in the Schwaben-Bräu fest tent.

Sponsored by Schwaben-Bräu owner Alexander Laub — who treated all attending service members to a traditional fest meal of a half-chicken and two beverages of choice — the "Soldier's Fest" brought German, American, French and Italian service members together for an afternoon of entertainment, patch-swapping, conversation and what occasionally sounded like singing.

"This was an excellent gathering of old friends in a festive atmosphere," said Capt. Jay Cash of USAG Stuttgart's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "It was nice to get together with fellow soldiers of various nationalities and compare notes. A Soldier is a Soldier in most eyes. There is just a common bond which transcends national boundaries when you talk Soldiering."

The Stuttgart-based service members appreciated the opportunity to attend the event, Cash said, and he noted that the gathering was indicative of the area's tradition of strong friendship between the U.S. and German communities.

"To get together and share a wonderful afternoon filled with such camaraderie is always nice," he said. "Herr Laub's generosity shines through with this annual invitation, and I hope to be able to attend next year as well. He is a true friend of the garrison and the military in general."

The Volksfest folded its tents Oct. 8 — but area enthusiasts need not agonize over an absence of opportunities to celebrate publicly. Leinfelden-Echterdingen's *Filderkrautfest* is just days away — and *Weihnachtsmarkt* (Christmas market) time is just around the corner.

Filderkrautfest

Oct. 14 & 15

Still in a fest-ive mood? Leinfelden-Echterdingen is the place to be Oct. 14 and 15, when the **Filderkrautfest** draws thousands of revelers and cabbage aficionados.

Enjoy a variety of local specialties, including, of course, many Kraut (cabbage) dishes, as well as live entertainment in a cozy, festive atmosphere.

Leinfelden-Echterdingen is a 10-minute drive from Kelley Barracks. Read more about the fest online at www.leinfelden-echterdingen.de or www.krautfest-le.de. (Both sites in German only.)



Swapping stories and patches was just part of the fun during the Sept. 25 "Soldaten Wasen" in the Schwaben Bräu tent. As he has done for years, Alexander Laub treated Stuttgart-area service members of various nationalities to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and camaraderie in his fest tent.



Stuttgart Lord Mayor Wolfgang Schuster and U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward attend the fest's opening.



A dance troupe performs in the Dinkel Acker tent Sept. 23 during the opening ceremony for the 2006 Cannstatter Volksfest.



EUCOM Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward and USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens enjoy the opening ceremony.



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Community outreach, international effort results in life-saving marrow transplant for Marshall Center student

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

When Artur Jeenaliev, a major with the Kyrgyzstan Border Guard, was sent to the Marshall Center to take a class last January, little did he know that coming to Germany would change his outlook and maybe save his life.

Through an interpreter, Jeenaliev said he considered himself to be a healthy 32-year-old, but began having nose bleeds and shortness of breath about a month after arriving in Germany.

"Walking 100 meters was slow and agonizing, and I even needed to take several breaks when going up to my third-floor room," he said.

On March 2, a few days after being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Jeenaliev was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a blood cancer that develops quickly and, if not treated, is usually fatal in a few months.

Transporting him home to Kyrgyzstan was not an option because of the severity of his condition, but finding a way to pay for his treatment here was somewhat of a problem.

He needed not only chemotherapy, but also a bone marrow transplant and other care to complete his recovery.

When word got out about his condition and need, many people in the Marshall Center and the German community reached out to support him with money and other donations.

Unfortunately, it was not nearly enough to cover the more than \$150,000 that was needed just for the bone marrow transplant.

The German Element of the Marshall Center contacted the Stefan Morsch Foundation, which agreed to guarantee payment of the

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Maj. Artur Jeenaliev
Kyrgyzstan Border Guard

money for Jeenaliev's bone marrow transplant. The German foundation, named after a teenage leukemia victim, raises money to help leukemia patients.

Jeenaliev received the life-saving transplant of his sister's bone marrow on May 25 and was released from the hospital in Berlin on June 19.

After an almost two-month recovery period, Jeenaliev visited the Marshall Center one last time before going home on Sept. 14.

"I'm feeling stronger every day and my hair has grown back," he said. "In the last few weeks, I've even started running again – about 1.5 kilometers every other day. I intend to make a full recovery and become an even better person – physically, mentally and emotionally."

But Jeenaliev has gained more than his



Artur Jeenaliev (second from left) stands with members of the Marshall Center including Dr. John P. Rose, director (far left), Chris O'Connor and Dr. Horst Schmalfeld.

strength back – he's gained many German and American friends.

"It's not strange to be congratulated and greeted by so many people," he said. "I am very happy to share my good fortune with everyone and I know there are many people who were helping me behind the scenes."

He has also gained a new outlook on the West.

"My experience here in Germany has taught me that the people of the West are just like us and want the same things for their families," he said. "I have experienced great kindness and generosity from the German people."

Having attended a military academy as a teenager in the closing days of the Soviet Union, Jeenaliev was essentially instructed that the capitalist nations of the West were their enemies and that the Western govern-

ments didn't look after their own people. Although he said he came to know that information was largely propaganda, he said that he had never had an opportunity before to travel to the West and see what it was really like. Now, he said, his views of the world are profoundly changed.

"I see the West as a great source of inspiration, a model from which we can learn, with whom we can partner," he said.

"The West for me is no longer an abstraction, but something I know first hand about. I am in a better position to work with people of the West because I better understand them and their views of the world and how they relate to one another. I will take everything positive that I have learned and experienced. I will use it, share it with my family, friends and colleagues."

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Marshall Center professor named Czech Minister of Defense

Marshall Center Release

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies professor is the new Minister of Defense for the Czech Republic.

Dr. Jiří edivý, a professor of Central European Security Studies at the Marshall Center's College of International and Security Studies, was recently asked by Prime Minister-designate Mirek Topolánek to consider returning to his country to assume the duties of Minister of Defense. edivý accepted the position and was officially appointed Sept. 4 of this year.

"We will surely miss Dr. edivý at the Marshall Center," said Dr. John P. Rose, director of the Marshall Center.

"His academic skills are superb and his understanding of current international defense and security issues is outstanding. He relates very well to the young leaders from throughout North America, Europe and Eurasia who study at the Marshall Center. He has a love and passion to teach, mentor and work with students."

Rose said the move is positive for the Czech Republic and that the Marshall Cen-

ter faculty and management are proud that Dr. edivý was part of their team.

"I loved being at the Marshall Center and was honored and inspired working there," edivý said in a farewell message to the Center's leadership. "I decided to accept the honor in order to serve my country. Among other things, I will have a unique opportunity to test the security sector theories that I was lecturing about at the Marshall Center."

edivý's background in international security studies goes well beyond his two-plus years at the Marshall Center. He is a graduate of Charles University, Prague, where he earned a doctorate in Political Science, as well as King's College in London, where he earned a Master degree in War Studies.

edivý specialized in international security, international politics, international relations theory and war studies while teaching at the Marshall Center.

For more about the George C. Marshall Center visit www.marshallcenter.org.

Community celebrates reopening of renovated building in Breitenau Housing Area

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

It wasn't a big celebration, but it was a symbol of big things going on and bigger things to come.

This celebration in question was a ribbon cutting ceremony held Sept. 25 for the newly renovated Building 706 at Artillery Kaserne in Garmisch. The building had been the site of 12 family housing units that had been renovated into six larger units.

Joining the celebration were Installation Management Agency Europe Region Director Russell B. Hall, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and Garmisch Garrison Manager Karin Santos.

"It's a wonderful day when you can open a unit and move a family into a place that is actually large enough for the family moving in," Santos said.

The Brown family – mother, father and six children – moved into one of the new units, but having six bedrooms isn't the only thing that JoDeen Brown likes about her new apartment.

"This is the first new place that we've ever moved into," she said. "I like the upstairs-downstairs. I like the openness of the kitchen, the light color – lots of light. It's very nice."

Hall spoke about the Department of Defense's goal for family housing on military installations.

"The U.S. Army and the Department of Defense have a goal to complete renovation of all family housing or replacement of family housing or the construction of new family housing to meet the requirements of the force, by the end of 2009," he said. "In the grand scheme of things, this is a multifaceted, multiyear program targeting new family housing to support our sailors, soldiers, airmen and marines with the best quality house we can, befitting the nation they're defending."

Hall explained that the real reason he was there was for the people and not just for the completion of a project.

"I see a lot of the projects going on, I get to see a lot of them start," he said. "But you know it makes you feel really good when you can see a family and smile and touch their hands and say, 'Thank you for what you're doing for our nation' and in my little way give back to them what they're giving to our freedoms. So that's why it's important for me to come down here."

"It's all about taking care of soldiers and their families," Santos said. "In times when money is tight, it's wonderful that we can do a project like this that has such a large impact on families," she said. "That's why we invite people to celebrate these openings."



[Above] Thomas Tschida of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Garmisch Resident JoDeen Brown, and IMA-EURO Director Russell B. Hall cut a ribbon to ceremonially open Brown's new home, Building 706 on Garmisch's Artillery Kaserne.



[Left] IMA EURO Director Russell B. Hall gives the keynote address Sept. 25 in front of the newly renovated Building 706 on Artillery Kaserne in Garmisch. The renovation project was one of many on-post housing upgrades that taken place on installations in Stuttgart and Garmisch over the past few years.

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The "glass cube" that houses the Kunstmuseum was just one of many stops that Stuttgart military members had the chance to visit during the Capital City Visitation Program Sept. 25. The museum is located on Koenigstrasse.

Capital City Visitation Program

Tour highlights Stuttgart history, state politics

Story and photos by Brandon Beach

For some, it was a crash course in German history. For others, it was an up-close look at life outside the front gate.

The Capital City Visitation Program returned after a five-year absence.

Some 45 service members, spouses and civilians boarded the bus from Patch Barracks' Washington Square Sept. 25 to be guests of the City of Stuttgart and the State of Baden-Württemberg.

"Especially for a newcomer, it's so important to learn about the culture around you," said Belinda Stoll, chief of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Manpower and Agreements Division. "Now that winter is coming, I need to get out and see more of these places."

The daylong walking tour started with a behind-the-scenes look at the political workings of the State Parliament, where participants learned about the state's history, U.S.-German relations in Stuttgart and the German political system.

"The program should cast new light on the significance of Stuttgart in terms of German-American relations," said Dr. Stephen Cochrane, director of the U.S. Forces Liaison Office. "There's a lot more history and impact than most people realize."

One thread of that history can be seen at the Stuttgart Opera House, another stop on the tour, where the last few lines of U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes' 1946 "Speech of Hope" are commemorated on a bronze plaque, located in the theater's main lobby.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the speech that called for a democratic Germany following World War II.

Several presentations in the State Parliament were followed by a *Maultaschen* lunch at the restaurant, Plenum. There were no costs or fees for participants during the entire program.

Following a visit to the *Neues Schloss* and a hike to the top of the glass-cubed *Kunstmuseum* for a bird's eye view of the *Schlossplatz*, where participants had the chance to snap a few pictures, the tour concluded at the cobble-stoned courtyard of the *Altes Schloss*, where the city of Stuttgart was founded way back in A.D. 930.

"This is a real community builder," said Dr. Gloria Yokley, assistant principal at the Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School and a tour participant. "This program gives us more insight in our military's role in Stuttgart. We can't let that legacy die away."

About the program

First began in 1993, the program has hosted over 2,200 U.S. personnel from Mannheim, Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Karlsruhe, formerly a home to several U.S. military installations.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the program was discontinued due to force protection reasons. This year marks the first tour in over five years.

The next tour for the Stuttgart military community will be December of this year, as the program has a three-month rotation cycle, with Mannheim and Heidelberg also involved.

"We're happy the tour is once again available," said Elizabeth Krause of the Stuttgart Visitation Office, and one of several guides that took part in the program. "I always get the impression that Americans want to learn more about their host country."

For more information on this tour call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-299, e-mail nelly.x.williams@us.army.mil or visit the USAG Stuttgart In-Processing Center on the first floor of the Community Welcome Center on Panzer Kaserne.



[Above] Susie Holmes-Motterle, operations coordinator of the USAG Stuttgart USO Office, takes a moment to snap a picture of the *Neues Schloss* during the Capital City Visitation Program tour Sept. 25.

[Below] The *Stiftskirche*, located at Schillerplatz, was another tour stop.



OUT & ABOUT

DAZ events in October

Dr. Friedhelm Kröll, a professor of Religion and Cultural Sociology at the *Universität Wien*, will deliver the lecture "Ich bin Jüdin," a retrospective look at political writer Hannah Arendt Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum.

Come in your costume for spine-chilling stories, games and trick o' treating as the DAZ hosts "Halloween for Kids" Oct. 31, 3 to 5 p.m.

Every month, English speaking people from around the world meet to discuss a variety of topics over food and drink. Known as the "Stammtisch Transatlantic," the group meets Oct. 12, 8 p.m., in Plenum, a restaurant located on Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 3.

Part of the DAZ's Meet the Author series, Askold Melnyczuk reads passages from his first novel, "What Is Told," Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

The Baltimore Beauties, a multi-lingual hand sewing and quilting group, meets Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to noon, in the DAZ.

The center is located at Charlottenplatz 17 (U-Bahn 5 or 6). For a complete list of DAZ-sponsored activities visit www.daz.org.

Bundesliga action

Catch live Bundesliga action when VfB Stuttgart takes to the field against Bayer Leverkusen Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., in Bad Cannstatt's Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium (S-Bahn Neckarstadion).

For tickets visit www.vfb-stuttgart.de or stop by the stadium's ticket box on game day.

The Stuttgarter Kickers, a professional *fussball* team in the *Regionalliga Süd*, bang the ball against FC Bayern München II Oct. 20, 7 p.m., in Gazi Stadium.

To get to the stadium, take city train U7 to the Waldau stop or drive in direction to the television tower, a visible Stuttgart landmark.

For more information visit www.stuttgart-kickers.de.

Mamma Mia!, the musical

SI Centrum's Palladium Theatre presents the musical smash comedy, *Mamma Mia!*, featuring 22 of ABBA's greatest hits (sung in German).

Tickets range from 40 to 139 euro depending on seating and may be purchased by calling 01805-4444.

The theatre is located on Plieningerstraße 100, which is a short 5-minute walk from the Kelley Barracks main gate.

To get there, take city train U3 to the Salzacker/SI-Erlebnis-Centrum stop. City buses 74 and 75 will deliver you to the Landhaus stop. For more information on dates and times, visit www.si-centrum.de.

Stuttgart's cultural bus tour

Stuttgart will be on the move during its annual bus tour through the city's diverse cultural scene. Over 70 hot spots, from theater to music, will be featured Oct. 21, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets cost 14 euro and may be purchased either the day of the event at any of the participating venues or by calling 0711-601-5444.

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Stuttgart Rugby Club tames Flat One Lions in preseason opener, Americans play key role in win

Story and photos by Brandon Beach

The Flat One Lions traveled to Stuttgart last week for two simple reasons: to play rugby and to visit the Canstatter Volksfest.

"The fest was absolutely brilliant," said captain Alex Ballard, a professional rugger in the England National Sevens League. "We had 10 lads there on Thursday night and drank 86 beers in 10 hours."

The Lions, a squad from Sheffield, England, might have guzzled down impressive numbers at the beer tent but came up one try short as the Stuttgart Rugby Club pulled out a 14-7 preseason victory Sept. 30 at Degerloch's Sportplatz Hohe Eiche.

The game proved to be a physical match for both teams from start to finish.

Following a pitch out from Lt. Commander Bart Randall of Headquarters, Special Operations Command Europe, Stuttgart fullback Alex Bauer opened the scoring in the first half, sweeping past the Lion defense on the right flank to ground the ball in the in-goal area to score a 5-point try.

Moments later, a successful 2-point conversion punt through the Lions' goal post lifted Stuttgart to an early 7-0 lead.

Minutes before the halftime whistle, Stuttgart's tight five had just enough horsepower to win a decisive scrum set from just inside the Lions' 20-yard line. The ball found the hands of right-winger Dylan Thornhon, who raced into the Lions' in-goal area for the team's second try. Stuttgart led at half 14-0.

Stuttgart maintained its tough physical stance in the second half, stifling the Lion scoring attempts, up until the final minute of the game when the Lions, following a holding penalty against Stuttgart, found themselves within striking distance of the in-goal area to score their only try of the day.

"The win was important for the start of the season," said Deane Shephard, coach of the Stuttgart squad and head of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works' Work Management Branch. "We could not have asked for a better training match."

Stuttgart, which plays in the Regional South League, begins its fall season Oct. 8 against SRC Constance. Last year, the squad finished second in the standings behind RL Karlsruhe.

Armed Forces Rugby

The Armed Forces Rugby Championship will take place Oct. 23 to 28 at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and several members of the Stuttgart military community will be on the pitch to

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compete for top honors.

Randall, along with Lt. Aaron Aschenbrenner of SOCEUR, travel to Norfolk, Va., Oct. 9 to attend a one-week selection camp. Players chosen from the camp will represent the All-Navy team during the championship tournament.

Shephard travels to Ft. Benning, Ga., to coach the All-Army team.

Last year, Air Force defeated Navy to take the championship, but like every year, it can be any service branch's tournament.

"With the war, it all depends on who's got less players deployed come game time," said Shephard.

Team seeks players

Stuttgart boasts a long history of rugby action in the community, dating back as far as 1934. In 1990, the club seized the first South German Championship trophy and advanced to the first Bundesliga.

The team has an array of international talent with players from France, Germany, Spain, England and the United States.

"The best part about playing for this team is the cultural interaction," said Randall.

With both a men's and women's team, Stuttgart RC is always looking for new players to join its Wednesday and Friday night practices held 7 to 9 p.m. in Degerloch.

No experience is required to enjoy the fast-moving and exciting sport of rugby. Just remember to pack a mouthpiece and some extra-strength pain relievers.

For more information about rugby in the Stuttgart area e-mail Deane Shephard at deane.shephard@us.army.mil or visit www.rugby-stuttgart.de.

[Right] Lt. Commander Bart Randall of SOCEUR moves the ball down field during the Stuttgart Rugby Club's Sept. 30 friendly against the Flat One Lions. [Below] A SRC defender puts up some stiff resistance against a Lion back.



Hugh C. McBride



STUTTART vs. HEILBRONN

Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m.

Degerloch's Sportplatz Hohe Eiche

(Near Kelley Barracks behind Daimler Chrysler)

Rugby for beginners

William Webb Ellis may not be a well-known name, to most, but in the rugby community, he is considered the person to have sparked the birth of the sport.

There is a stone on the grounds of the Rugby School in England that commemorates an act of sporting disobedience. During a school "football" (soccer) match in 1823, Ellis picked up the ball in a fit of frustration and ran with it.

Since Ellis' revolutionary "disregard for the rules of football" as stated on the stone, rugby has evolved into a complex sport of laws, terms and tradition.

- The game consists of two teams of 15 players each trying to score as many points as possible by carrying, passing, kicking and grounding an oval-shaped ball.

- A match is comprised of two 40-minute halves with a half-time break.

- Players are divided into two distinct groups: forwards and backs.

- Points are scored in a variety of ways. The most common is when a player grounds the ball in the other team's in-goal area, which results in a 5-point try.

To learn more about rugby rules and trivia visit www.scrum.com.



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